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#### PREFACE AND AUTHOR'S NOTES.

THE three symbolic degrees of Masonry exemplified without the use of - music, is, to say the least, robbing Masonry of one of its most important factors. "There are few who have not felt the charms of music and acknowledged its expressions to be intelligible to the heart." It is not too much to claim that there is scarcely a lodge in the jurisdiction of New Jersey, or elsewhere, which does not possess within itself the material which, by a little effort would be enabled to render the music in an impressive manner. In arranging this book I have endeavored to meet all the demands which the occasion may require. Much of it will be found to be written strictly for quartet choir. A number of familiar hymns for "Opening and Closing" have been arranged and added for use of the entire lodge, which will be found both desirable and effective. The "Remember now thy Creator," in the M. M. Degree has been arranged as a chant, a quartet, and a baritone solo. I would call attention to all music marked thus \* which should be played as written. In all other cases it may lend effect by lowering the Treble Clef an octave. It also may be played as written.

To the entire Craft of New Jersey is this book dedicated; and that it may be instrumental in increasing the pleasure and interest of the brethren in the work of the Three Symbolic Degrees, is the sincere wish of the

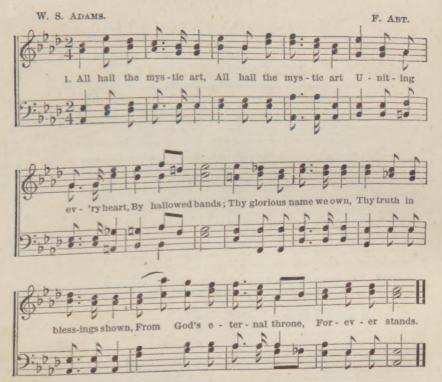
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# MASONIC ODE.

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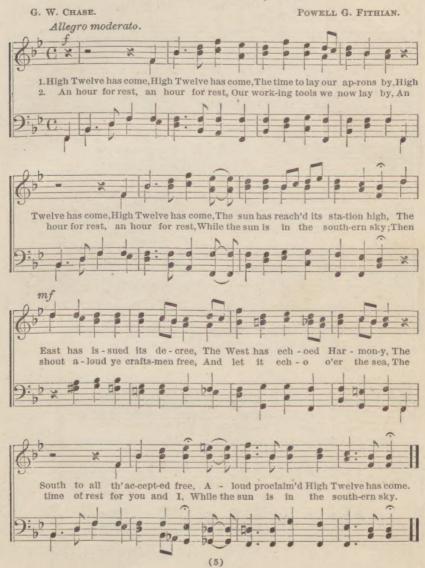
#### MASONIC HYMN.



- 2 All hail! mysterious light,
  All hail! mysterious light,
  Which glads the Mason's sight,
  From ages past.
  Borne o'er the wrecks of time,
  While centuries pealed their chime.
  It comes in floods sublime,
  On us is east.
- 3 God bless the mystic band,
  God bless the mystic band,
  In every clime and land,
  God bless them all.
  God bless our union sweet,
  God bless the friends we meet,
  And round our altar greet.
  God bless us all.

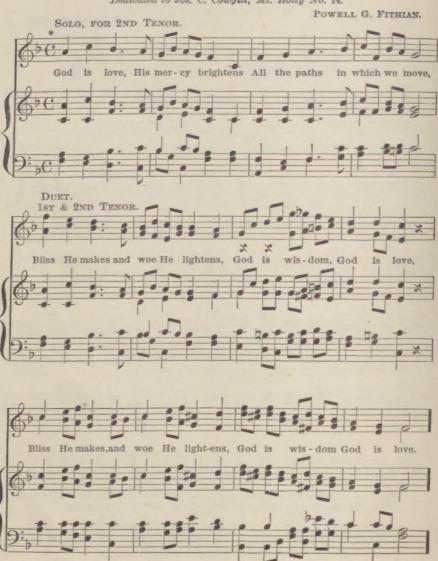
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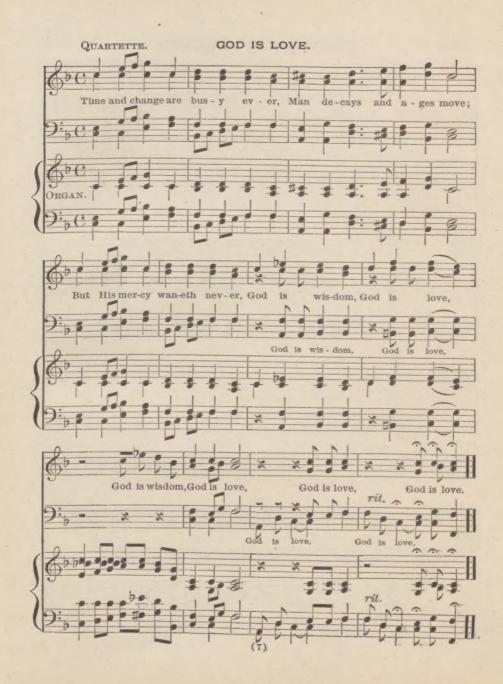
Dedicated to Mr. Chas. Wallace of Camden.



### No. 4. GOD IS LOVE. (Opening.)

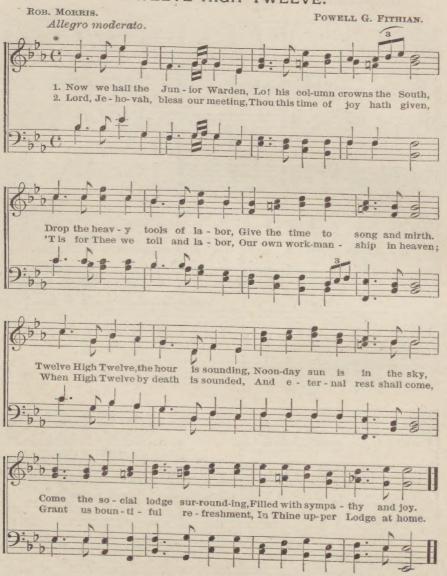
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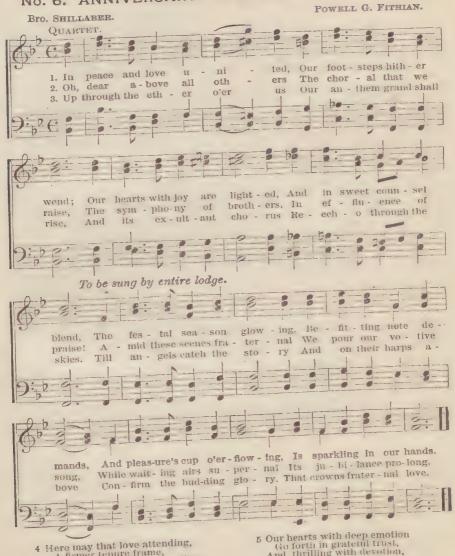


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# TWELVE HIGH TWELVE.



# No. 6. ANNIVERSARY. 7s & 6s, (Opening Ode).

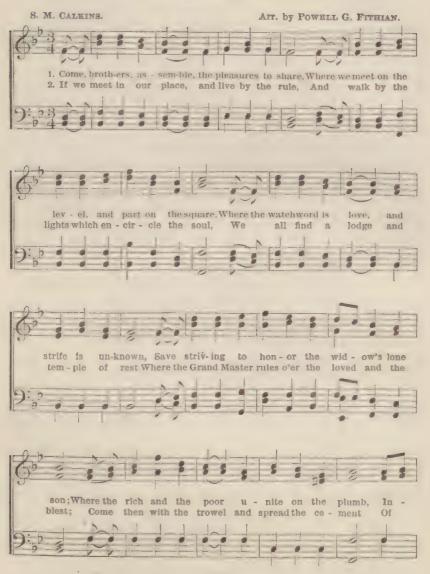


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4 Here may that love attending,
A firmer tenure frame,
And out through time unending
Burn with a purer flame;
Its altar-fires far streaming,
With true and steady ray,
To gladden by their gleaming,
And light the pilgrim's way.

5 Our hearts with deep emotion Go forth in grateful trust, And, thrilling with devotion, Give God the tribute just. His smile has failed us never, His hand our weakness stayed; His, he our praise forever. In word and deed displayed.

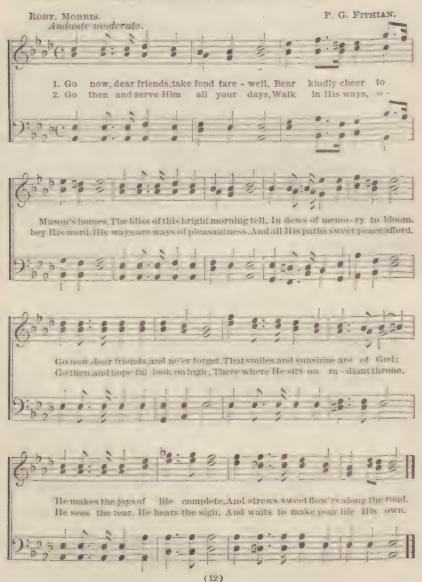
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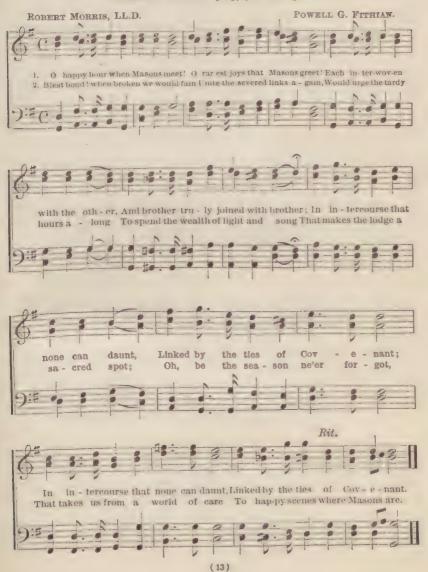
#### No. 9. CLOSING ODE (St. John's Day).

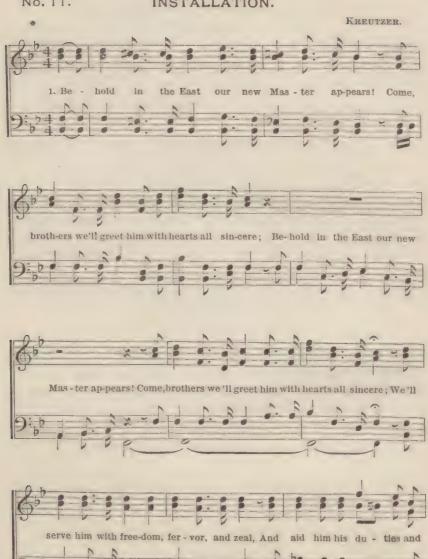


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#### OPENING HYMN.

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#### INSTALLATION.





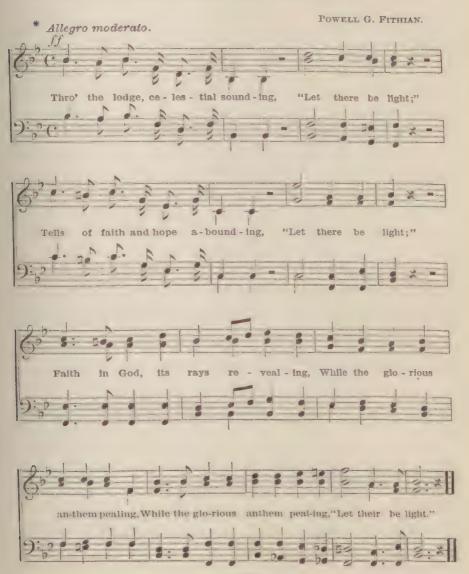


- 2 In the West see the Warden with level in hand, The Master to aid, and obey his command; We'll aid him with freedom, fervor, and zeal, And help him his duties and trust to fulfill.
- 3 In the South see the Warden by Plumb stand upright, Who watches the sun, and takes notes of its flight; We'll aid him with freedom, fervor, and zeal, And help him his duties and trust to fulfill.

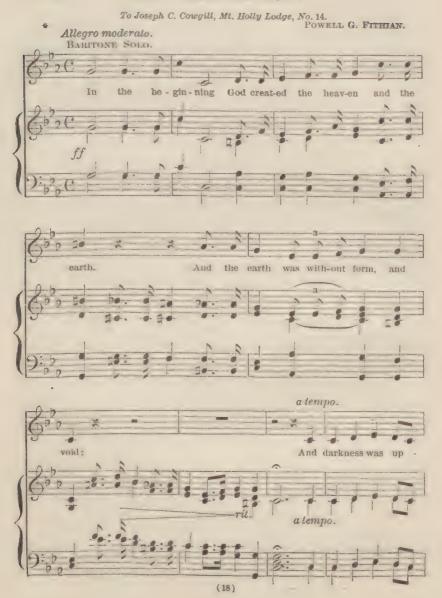
#### No. 12. MANN, 11s. (Installation.)



#### No. 13. LET THERE BE LIGHT.



#### No. 14. LET THERE BE LIGHT.



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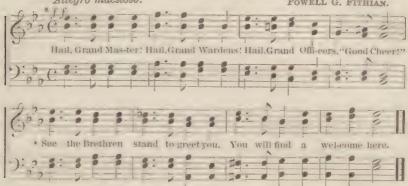


### No. 15. WELCOME TO THE GRAND OFFICERS.

To be sung upon the entrance of the Grand Officers as they are approaching the altar.

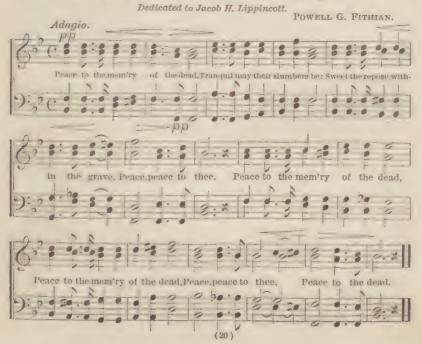
\*\*Allegro maestoso.\*\*

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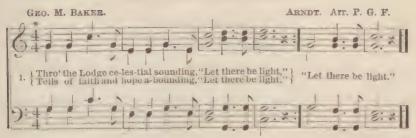


\* In many instances, the name of the Lodge may be used with good effect; for example, Camden's Brethren stand etc., or Trenton's Brethren etc.

### No. 16. PEACE TO THE MEMORY, (Dirge.)





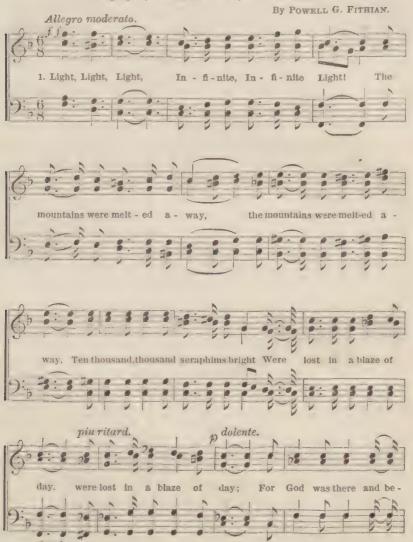


### No. 18. ALMIGHTY FATHER. Hymn. (E. A.)



#### LIGHT.

Respectfully dedicated to Bro. John O. K. Robarts.



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Treble played octave lower than written.







2 Love, Love, Love, Infinite, Infinite, Love!
The lowly lady of grace, the lowly lady of grace
Bows underneath the o'ershadowing dove,
Her eternal Son to embrace, her eternal Son to embrace;
For God is there, the ancient of days,
An infant in human years,
Whilst angels around them incessantly gaze,
And nature is wrapt in tears, and nature is wrapt in tears.

# No. 20. REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR. (Solo Chant.)

Respectfully dedicated to M. Harmer Brooks, Mozart Quartet, of Philadelphia. . Moderato. By P. G. FITHIAN. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days ORG. 0 come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; 50 00 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars. be not darkened, 10 cres. -61nor the clouds re turn af - ter the rain: 20 (24)



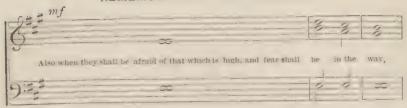


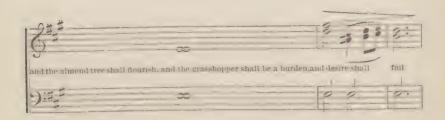


# No. 21. REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR. Male Quartet.









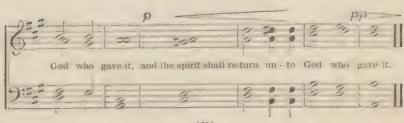


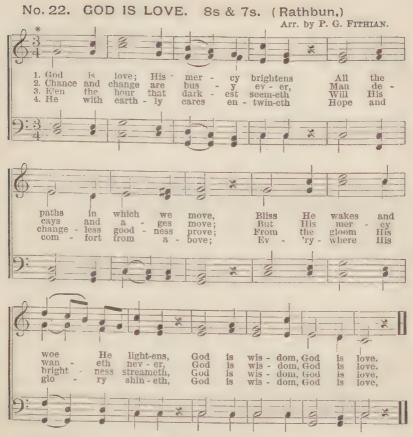












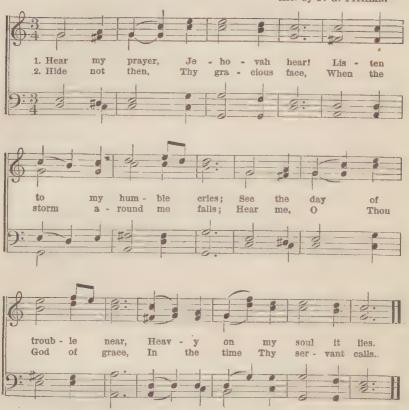
No. 23.

Fellow Craft. 8s & 7s.

- 1 Meek and lowly, pure and holy, Chief above the blessed three; Turning sadness into gladness, Heaven born art thou, Charity.
- 2 Hoping ever, failing never, Though deceived, believing still; Long abiding, all confiding To Thy heavenly Father's will.
- 3 Never weary of well-doing, Never fearful of the end, Claiming all mankind as brethren, Thou dost all alike befriend. (32)

# No. 24. MASTER MASON. 7s. (Gottschalk.)

Arr. by P. G. FITHIAN.



No. 25.

Opening or Closing.

- 1 Softly now the light of day
  Fades upon our sight away;
  Free from care, from labor free,
  Lord, we would commune with Thee.
- 2 Soon for us the light of day Shall forever pass away; Then, from care and sorrow free, Take us, Lord, to dwell with Thee.

### No. 26, FELLOW CRAFT. 8s & 7s. (Stockwell.)



No. 27.

Opening or Initiation. 8s & 7s.

- 1 Heavenly Father gently bless us, Lead our every thought above; Let no earthly care oppress us, May we all all be filled with love.
- 2 Let no jarring thoughts divide us, Sweetest harmony be ours; Wisdom's richest feast provide us As we pass these happy hours.

## No. 28. CLOSING SONG. C. M. Double.



#### No. 29.

Installation. C. M. Double.

- 1 To Him who rules be homage paid,
  Where hearts with voice unite;
  To Him we bring fraternal aid,
  Who guides in solemn rife.
  Come, Brothers, bound by kindly ties,
  Your notes harmonious bring,
  While acts of generous sacrifice,
  In thoughts of love we sing,
- As fime's said changes rise.
  No doubt shall dim the trusting eye,
  Where rule the good and wise.
  To Him who rules be homage paid,
  Where hearts with voice unife;
  Till life shall cease, and time shall fade,
  We'll bring our solemn plight.

2 As days and years roll silent by,

### No. 30. DENNIS. S. M. (Opening or Closing.)

Arr. by P. G. FITHIAN.





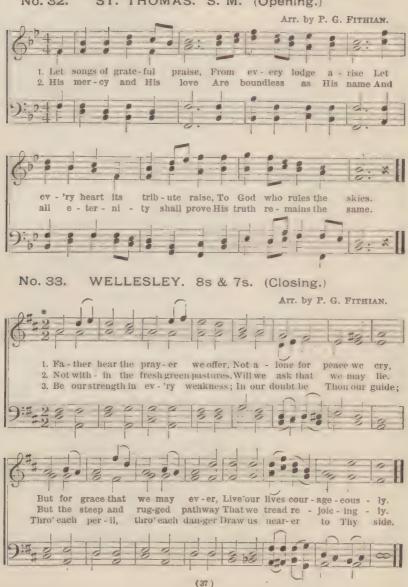
- 2 Before our Father's throne, We pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comfort and our cares.
- 3 When we asunder part,
  It gives us inward pain;
  But we shall still be joined in heart,
  And hope to meet again.
- 4 This glorious hope revives
  Our courage by the way;
  While each in expectation lives,
  And longs to see that day.
- 5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
  And sin we shall be free,
  And perfect love and friendship reign,
  Through all eternity.

#### No. 31.

#### Funeral Hymn. S. M.

- 1 Come brethren of the Craft, Come shed a tear of grief For our beloved friend bereft Of life, a sad relief.
- 2 Kind heaven, let angels wing Their way to earth again And waft a soul the guest we bring To bliss, e'er to remain.
- 3 Let us the grave behold
  And lift our thoughts above,
  And mourn our loss as yet untold
  And raise him still in love.

#### ST. THOMAS. S. M. (Opening.) No. 32.





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## No. 36. LEAD KINDLY LIGHT. (Master Mason.)

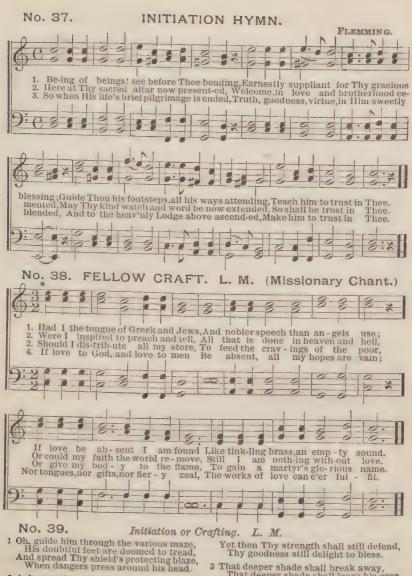
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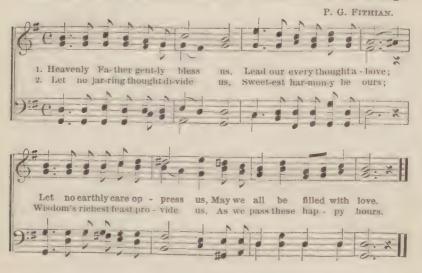


2 A deeper shade shall soon impend,

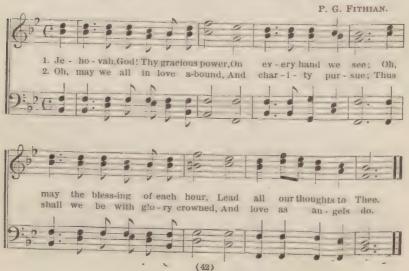
3 That deeper shade shall break away, That deeper shade shall leave his eyes, Thy light shall give eternal day. Thy love, the rapture of the skies.



## No. 44. LIPPINCOTT. 8s & 7s. (Initiation or Closing.)



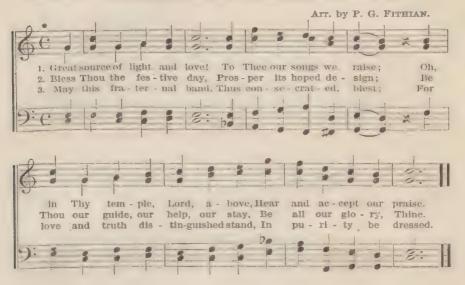
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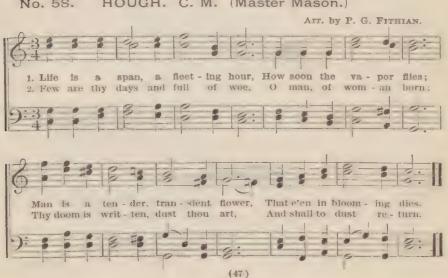




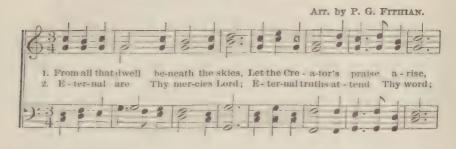
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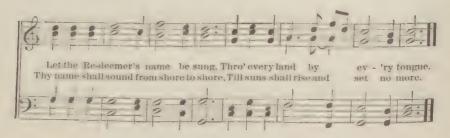


No. 58. HOUGH. C. M. (Master Mason.)



#### MENDON. L. M. (Closing.) No. 59.





### No. 60.

## Fellow Craft. L. M.

- 1 Offspring of heaven, mankind's best friend, 2 Come then All Bounteous as Thon art, Bright charity, inspire our lay; On these terrestial shores descend And quit the realms of cloudless day.
  - And hide Thee from our sight no more; Touch every soul, expand each heart That breathes on freedom's chosen shore.

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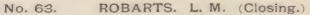
### Master Mason. L. M.

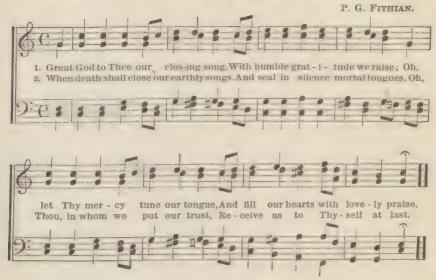
- 1 Dangers of every form attend Your steps, as onward you proceed; No earthly power can now befriend Or aid you in this time of need.
- 2 Then put your trust in Him alone, Who rules all things above, below; Send your petitions to 'lis throne, For He alone can help you now.

## No. 62.

#### Dedication. L. M. (Closing.)

- 1 Great Architect of heaven and earth, To whom all nature owes its birth, Thou spoke, and vast creation stood, Surveyed the work-pronounced it good,
- 2 Lord, can'st Thou deign to own and bless This humble dome, this sacred place? Oh! let Thy spirit's presence shine Within these walls—this house of Thine.
- 3 'T was reared in honor of Thy name; Here kindle, Lord, the sacred flame; Oh! make it burn in every heart. And never from this place depart.
- 4 Lord, here the want of all supply, And fit our souls to dwell on high: From service in this humble place, Raise us to praise Thee face to face.





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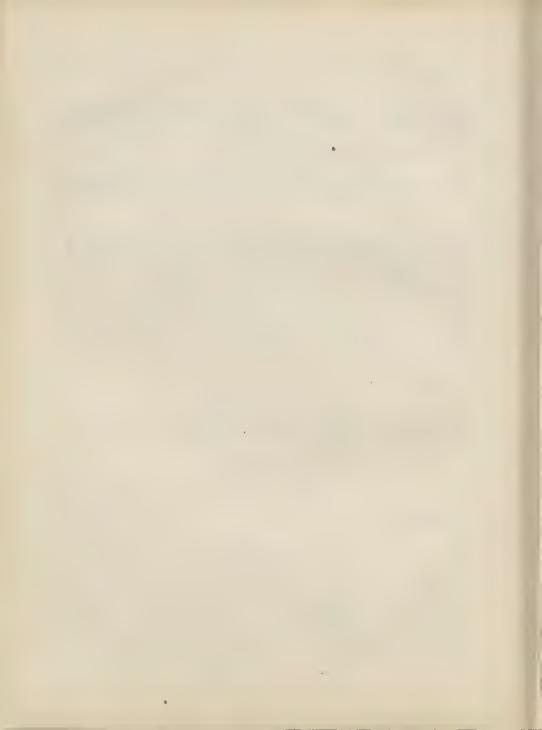
Closing. L. M.

- 1 We offer, Lord, an humble prayer, And thank Thee for Thy grace bestowed In leading us beneath Thy care Thus far in wisdom's pleasant road.
- 2 Whatever to our lot may fall What toilsome duties to fulfill We do not know; but in them all Be Thou our strength and comfort still.

No. 65.

#### Master Mason. L. M.

- 1 Death, like an overflowing stream, Sweeps us away, our life's a dream, An empty tale, a morning flower Cut down, and withered in an hour.
- 2 Teach us, O Lord, how frail is man; And kindly lengthened our span, Till, cleansed by grace, we all may be Prepared to die and dwell with Thee.



# FAMILIAR HYMNS,

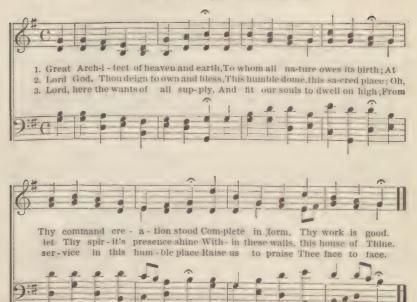
ARRANGED FOR ENTIRE LODGE,

AND

OPENING AND CLOSING.



#### No. 66. DOXOLOGY. (Old Hundred.)



#### No. 67.

Closing. L. M.

- 1 Great God, to Thee our closing song, With humble gratitude we raise; Oh, let Thy mercy tune our tongue, And fill our hearts with lively praise.
- 2 Let faith and hope our eyelids close; With sleep refresh our feeble frame; Safe in Thy care may we repose, And wake with praises to Thy name.

#### No.68.

#### Opening. L. M.

1 Be Thou exalted oh, our God, Above the heaven's where angels dwell; Thy power on earth be known abroad, And land to land Thy wonders tell.

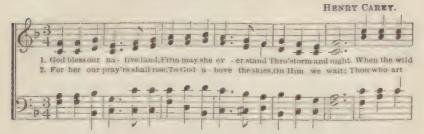
#### No. 69.

#### Opening. L. M.

- Pour out Thy spirit from on high, Lord, Thine assembled servants bless;
   Graces and gifts to each supply, And clothe with Thy righteousness.
- 2 Within this temple, where'we stand To teach the truth as taught by Thee; In favor bless this chosen band With wisdom, strength, and unity.

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### No. 71.

#### Opening or Closing. 68 & 48.

- 1 Hail! Brother Masons, hail! Let friendship long prevail, And bind us fast; May harmony and peace Our happiness increase, And friendship never cease, While life doth last.
- 2 Sincerity and love,
  Descending from above,
  Our minds employ;
  Morality our pride,
  And truth our constant guide,
  With us are close allies,
  And form our joy.
- 8 We on the Level meet, And every brother greet, Skilled in our art; And when our labors past, Each brother's hand we'll grasp, Then on the Square at last. Friendly we'll part.
- 4 May wisdom be our care
  And virtue form the Square
  By which we live;
  That we at last may join
  That heavenly Lodge sublime,
  Where we shall perfect shine
  With God above.

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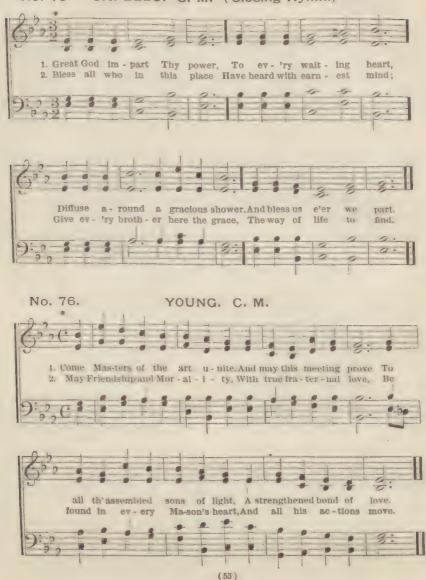
Closing. 6s & 4s.

When our last labor's o'er, And scene of life no more, Charm our frail sight; Then in God's holy care, May each protection share, Bliss find unending there In perfect light.

### No. 73. WALLACE. C. M. (Opening.)

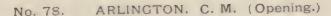


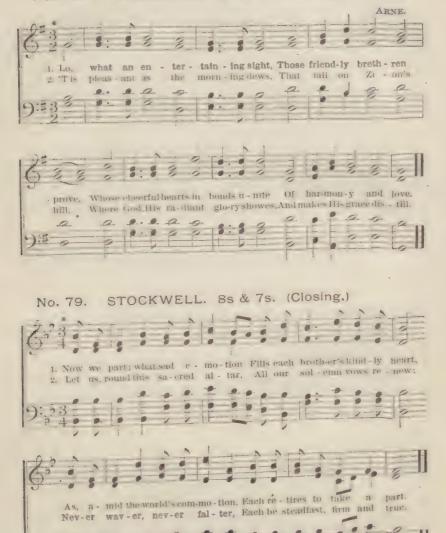
## No. 75. CAPELLO. S. M. (Closing Hymn.)



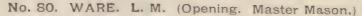
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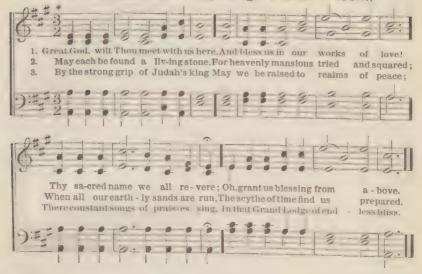






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#### No. 81.

## Installation, or Dedication.

- 1 Ye happy few, who here extend In perfect lines, from East to West, With fervent zeal the Lodge defend, And lock its secret in each breast.
- 2 Since ye are met upon the square,
  Bid love and friendship jointly reign;
  Be peace and harmony your care,
  Nor break the adamantine chain.
- 3 Behold the planets how they move, Yet keep due order as they run; Then imitate the stars above, And shine resplendent as the sun.
- 4 Then let us celebrate the praise
  Of all who have enriched the art;
  Let gratitude our voices raise,
  And each true brother bear a part.

#### No. 82.

#### Opening Hymn.

- 1 From East to West o'er land and sea, Where brothers meet and friends agree, Let incense rise from hearts sincere. The dearest offering gathered here.
- 2 Let notes of praise united tell Of thoughts most kind where brothers dwell;
- Though clouds may dim our darkened way,
- Some kindly hand shall be our stay.
- 3 Our trust reposed on Him alone Who ne'er will contrite hearts disown; Our faith shall mark that holy light Whose beams our dearest joys unite.

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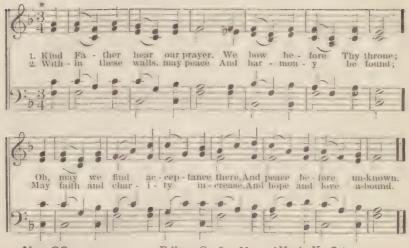
#### Closing. L. M.

- 1 come, brothers, ere tonight we part, Join every voice and every heart; One solemn lymn to God we'll raise, One closing song of grateful praise.
- 2 Here, brothers, we may meet no more; But there is yet a happier shore, And there, released from toil and pain, Dear brothers, we shall meet again.

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#### DENNIS. S. M.



No. 88.

Fellow Craft. 11s. (Music No. 7.)

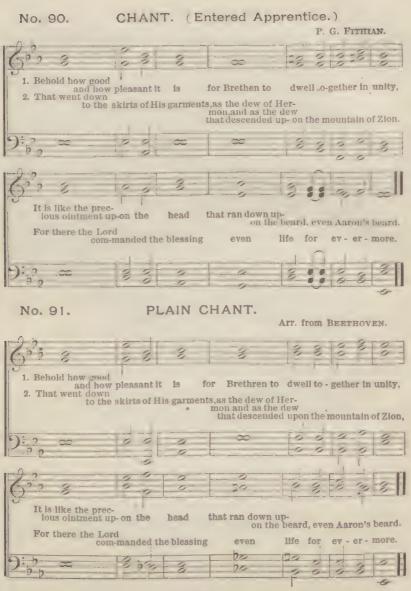
- 1 Come, craftsmen, assembled our pleasure to share, Who walk by the Plumb, and who work by the Square; While traveling in love on the Level of time, Sweet Hope shall light on to a far better clime.
- 2 We'll seek in our labor the Spirit Divine, Our temple to bless, and our hearts to refine; And thus to our altar a tribute we'll bring, While joined in true friendship, our anthem we sing,
- 3 See Order and beauty rise gently to view. Each brother a column, so perfect and true! When order shall cease, and when temples decay. May each, fairer column, immortal survey.

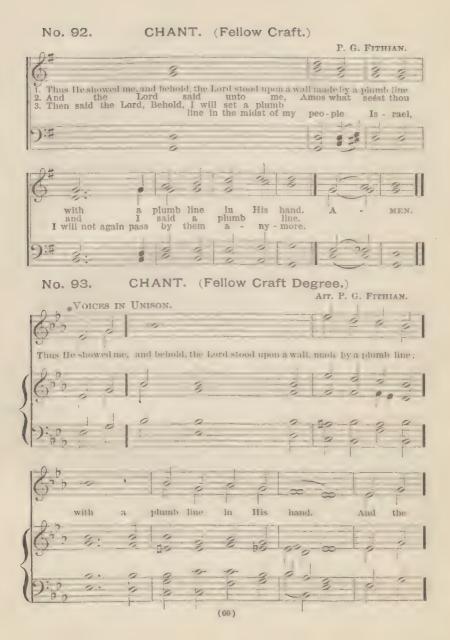
No. 89.

#### Opening.

- 1 Blest are the sons of peace,
  Whose hearts and hopes are one;
  Whose kind designs to serve and please,
  Through all their actions run.
- 2 Blest is this happy place, Where zeal and friendship meet; Where Truth and Love and Heavenly Grace, Make our communion sweet.
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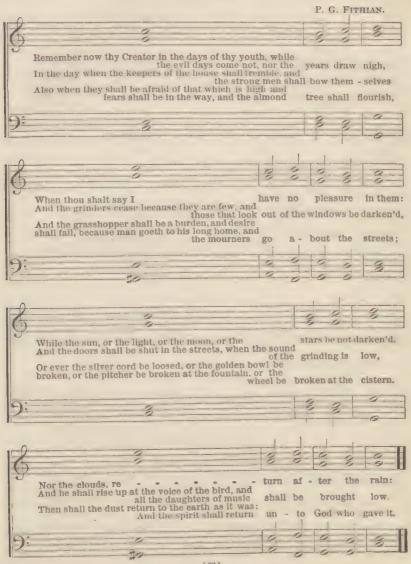
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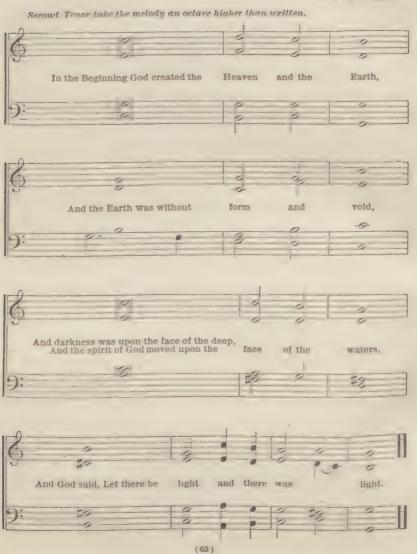








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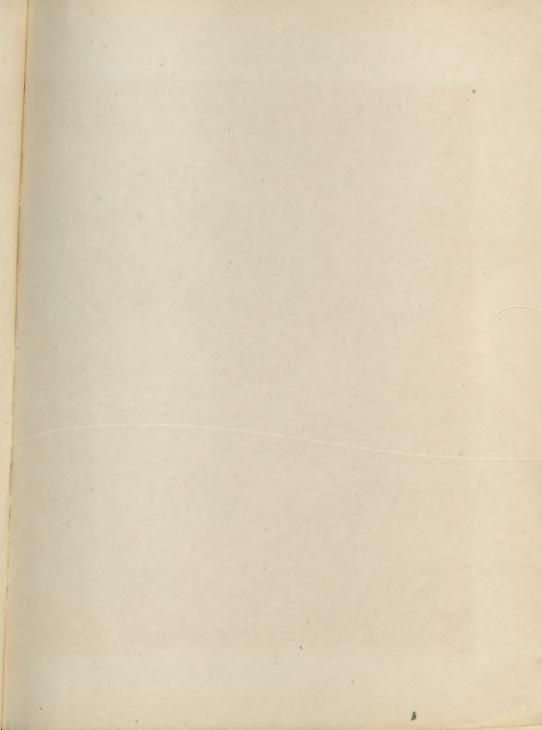
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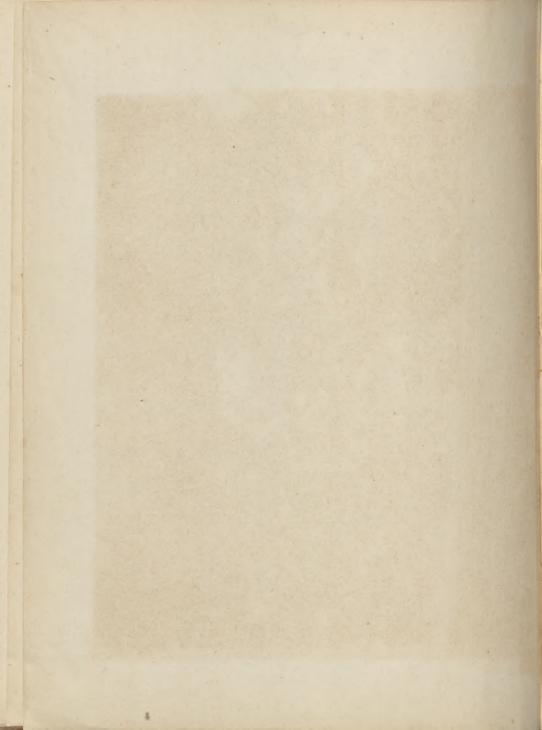
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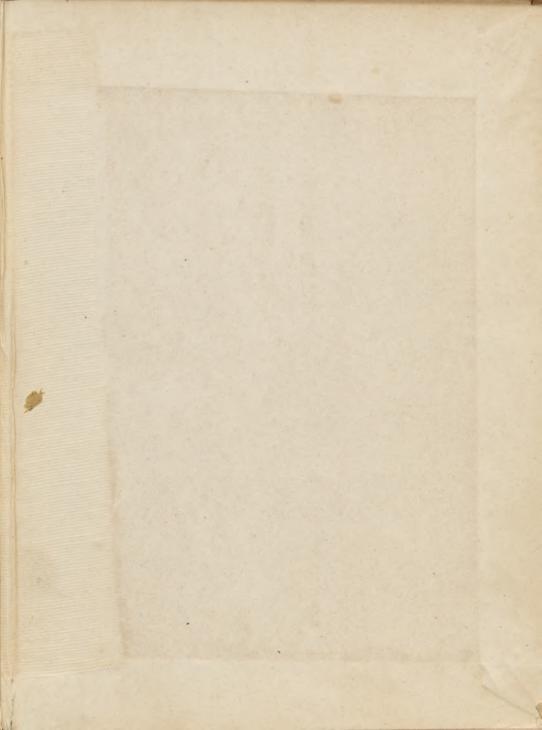
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